

Senate File 2297 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2161)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to children's mental health and well-being and
2 including provisions for contingent implementation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES —
2 PLANNING GRANTS — CONTINGENT IMPLEMENTATION. The department
3 of human services shall contract for planning grants for the
4 development and implementation of children's mental health
5 crisis services as provided in this section.

6 1. The department of human services shall establish
7 a request for proposals process, in cooperation with the
8 departments of public health and education and the judicial
9 branch, which shall be based upon recommendations for
10 children's mental health crisis services described in the
11 children's mental health and well-being workgroup final report
12 submitted to the department on December 15, 2015.

13 2. Planning grants shall be awarded to two lead entities.
14 Each lead entity should be a member of a specifically
15 designated coalition of three to four other entities that
16 propose to serve different geographically defined areas of
17 the state, but a lead entity shall not be a mental health and
18 disability services region.

19 3. The request for proposals shall require each grantee to
20 develop a plan for children's mental health crisis services for
21 the grantee's defined geographic area that includes all of the
22 following:

23 a. Identification of the existing children's mental health
24 crisis services in the defined area.

25 b. Identification of gaps in children's mental health
26 crisis services in the defined area.

27 c. A plan for collection of data that demonstrates the
28 effects of children's mental health crisis services through the
29 collection of outcome data and surveys of the children affected
30 and their families.

31 d. A method for using federal, state, and other funding
32 including funding currently available, to implement and support
33 children's mental health crisis services.

34 e. Utilization of collaborative processes developed from
35 the recommendations from the children's mental health and

1 well-being workgroup final report submitted to the department
2 on December 15, 2015.

3 f. A recommendation for any additional state funding needed
4 to establish a children's mental health crisis service system
5 in the defined area.

6 g. A recommendation for statewide standard requirements for
7 children's mental health crisis services, as defined in the
8 children's mental health and well-being workgroup final report
9 submitted to the department of human services on December 15,
10 2015, including but not limited to all of the following:

11 (1) Standardized primary care practitioner screenings.

12 (2) Standardized mental health crisis screenings.

13 (3) Standardized mental health and substance use disorder
14 assessments.

15 (4) Requirements for certain inpatient psychiatric
16 hospitals and psychiatric medical institutions for children to
17 accept and treat all children regardless of the acuity of their
18 condition.

19 4. Each grantee shall submit a report to the department by
20 December 15, 2016. The department shall combine the essentials
21 of each report and shall submit a report to the general
22 assembly by January 15, 2017, regarding the department's
23 conclusions and recommendations.

24 5. The department shall contract for planning grants as
25 provided in this section contingent upon being appropriated
26 necessary moneys by the general assembly to support the
27 planning grants.

28 Sec. 2. CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING LEARNING LABS. The
29 department of human services, utilizing existing departmental
30 resources and with the continued assistance of a private child
31 welfare foundation focused on improving child well-being, shall
32 study and collect data on emerging, collaborative efforts
33 in existing programs engaged in addressing well-being for
34 children with complex needs and their families in communities
35 across the state. The department shall establish guidelines

1 based upon recommendations in the children's mental health and
2 well-being workgroup final report submitted to the department
3 on December 15, 2015, to select three to five such programs
4 to be designated learning labs to enable the department
5 to engage in a multi-site learning process during the 2016
6 calendar year with a goal of creating an expansive structured
7 learning network. The department shall submit a report with
8 recommendations including lessons learned, suggested program
9 design refinements, and implications for funding, policy
10 changes, and best practices to the general assembly by January
11 15, 2017.

12 Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — ADDITIONAL
13 STUDY REPORTS. The department of human services shall, in
14 consultation with the department of public health, the mental
15 health and disability services commission, and the mental
16 health planning council, submit a report with recommendations
17 to the general assembly by December 15, 2016, regarding all of
18 the following:

19 1. The creation and implementation of a statewide
20 children's mental health crisis service system to include but
21 not be limited to an inventory of all current children's mental
22 health crisis service systems in the state including children's
23 mental health crisis service system telephone lines. The
24 report shall include recommendations regarding proposed changes
25 to improve the effectiveness of and access to children's mental
26 health crisis services.

27 2. The development and implementation of a children's
28 mental health public education and awareness campaign that
29 targets the reduction of stigma for children with mental
30 illness and that supports children with mental illness and
31 their families in seeking effective treatment. The plan shall
32 include potential methods for funding such a campaign.

33 Sec. 4. CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ADVISORY
34 COMMITTEE. The department of human services shall create and
35 provide support to a children's mental health and well-being

1 advisory committee to continue the coordinated efforts of
2 the children's mental health subcommittee and the children's
3 well-being subcommittee of the children's mental health
4 and well-being workgroup. Consideration shall be given to
5 continued service by members of the children's mental health
6 and well-being workgroup created pursuant to 2015 Iowa Acts,
7 ch. 137, and representatives from the departments of human
8 services, public health, and education; the judicial branch;
9 and other appropriate stakeholders designated by the director.
10 The advisory committee shall do all of the following:
11 1. Provide guidance regarding implementation of the
12 recommendations in the children's mental health and well-being
13 workgroup final report submitted to the department on December
14 15, 2015, and subsequent reports required by this Act.
15 2. Select and study additional children's well-being
16 learning labs to assure a continued commitment to joint
17 learning and comparison for all learning lab sites.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill relates to children's mental health and well-being
22 and makes appropriations.

23 CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES — PLANNING GRANTS.
24 The bill directs the department of human services to contract
25 for planning grants for the development and implementation
26 of children's mental health crisis services, contingent
27 upon being appropriated necessary moneys by the general
28 assembly. The department is directed to establish a request
29 for proposals process, in cooperation with the departments of
30 public health and education and the judicial branch, which
31 shall be based upon recommendations for children's mental
32 health crisis services described in the children's mental
33 health and well-being workgroup final report submitted to the
34 department on December 15, 2015. Each grantee is required to
35 develop a plan for children's mental health crisis services for

1 the grantee's defined geographic area that includes certain
2 requirements relating to existing children's mental health
3 crisis services in the grantee's geographic area. The plan
4 shall also include a recommendation for certain statewide
5 standard requirements for children's mental health crisis
6 services. Each grantee is required to submit a report to
7 the department and the department is directed to combine
8 the essentials of each report and shall submit a report
9 to the general assembly by January 15, 2017, regarding the
10 department's conclusions and recommendations.

11 CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING LEARNING LABS. The department
12 of human services is directed to study and collect data on
13 emerging, collaborative efforts in existing programs engaged
14 in addressing well-being for children with complex needs and
15 their families in communities across the state. The department
16 is required to establish guidelines based upon recommendations
17 in the children's mental health and well-being workgroup final
18 report submitted to the department on December 15, 2015, to
19 select three to five such programs to be designated learning
20 labs to enable the department to engage in a multi-site
21 learning process during the 2016 calendar year with a goal
22 of creating an expansive structured learning network. The
23 department is required to submit a report with recommendations
24 to the general assembly by January 15, 2017.

25 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — ADDITIONAL STUDY REPORTS.
26 The department of human services, in consultation with the
27 department of public health, the mental health and disability
28 services commission, and the mental health planning council,
29 is required to submit a report with recommendations to the
30 general assembly by December 15, 2016, regarding the creation
31 and implementation of a statewide children's mental health
32 crisis service system and the development and implementation
33 of a children's mental health public education and awareness
34 campaign.

35 CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

1 The department of human services is directed to create and
2 provide support to a children's mental health and well-being
3 advisory committee with consideration given to continued
4 service by members of the children's mental health and
5 well-being workgroup, and others, to provide guidance regarding
6 implementation of the recommendations in the children's mental
7 health and well-being workgroup final report and subsequent
8 reports required by the bill, and select and study additional
9 children's well-being learning labs.